

## DECLARATION FOR ORIGINAL U.S. PATENT APPLICATION

Attorney's Docket No. ALTRP115/A1265

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR TRISTATE LINE SHARING**, the specification of which,

(check one)

1. ☒ is attached hereto.
2. ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
U.S. Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.
3. ☐ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as  
International PCT Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, CFR §1.56.

### Prior Foreign Application(s)

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

			Priority Benefits Claimed?
			__ Yes __ No
_____ (Appl. No.)	_____ (Country)	_____ (Date Filed- Day/Month/Year)	
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### Provisional Application(s)

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

_____ (Application No.)	_____ (Filing Date)
_____ (Application No.)	_____ (Filing Date)

Atty. Dkt. No.: ALTRP115/A1265

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**Prior U.S. Application(s)**

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this applications is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

_____ (Application No.)	_____ (Filing Date)	_____ (Status - patented, pending, abandoned)
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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**PATENT**

In re application of: Pritchard et al.

Attorney Docket No.: ALTRP115

Application No.: NEW

Examiner: UNASSIGNED

Filed: HEREWITH

Group: UNASSIGNED

Title: METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR  
TRISTATE LINE SHARING

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.36 and 3.71, **ALTERA CORPORATION**, ("assignee"), a Delaware corporation having a place of business at 101 Innovation Drive, San Jose, California 95134, assignee of record of the entire interest of the above-identified application, hereby revokes all powers of attorney previously given and appoints the following attorneys and agents to prosecute and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith: Steve D Beyer (Reg. No. 31,234); Jeffrey K. Weaver (Reg. No. 31,314); C. Douglass Thomas (Reg. No. 32,947); Jonathan O. Scott (Reg. No. 39,364); James E. Austin (Reg. No. 39,489); Joseph M. Villeneuve (Reg. No. 37,460); Thomas C. Sylke (Reg. No. 32,312); Godfrey K. Kwan (Reg. No. 46,850) all of the law firm of BEYER, WEAVER & THOMAS, LLP, and Derek E. Minihane, Reg. No. 39,774 of ALTERA CORPORATION, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Please send all correspondence for this application as follows:

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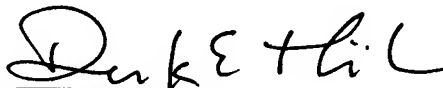
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 3.73, assignee certifies that to the best of assignee's knowledge and belief it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in and to the above-referenced patent application and represents that the undersigned is a representative authorized and empowered to sign on behalf of the assignee. Assignee has reviewed the assignment document that evidences the placement of title in the assignee, a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §3.71, the assignee hereby states that prosecution of the above-referenced patent application is to be conducted to the exclusion of the inventor(s).

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Date 12/20/04



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